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REF : A. LAGOS 7621, B. LAGOS 7431, C. LAGOS A-115,
JULY 27, 1975 (NOTAL)

1. FEDERAL CABINET OFFICE AUGUST 8 ANNOUNCED REASSIGNMENT FIVE
PERMANENT SECRETARIES, APPOINTMENT THREE NEW ONES, AS FOLLOWS:

A. PHILIP ASIODU FROM MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY TO
HOUSING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT (HUD&E).

B. SUNDAY B. AWONIYI FROM DEFENSE TO PETROLEUM AND ENERGY.

C. F. I. ADESANOYE FROM HUD&E TO DEFENSE.

D. M.E.P. UDEBIUWA FROM WORKS TO COMMUNICATIONS, FILLING
VACANCY LEFT BY APPOINTMENT AUGUST 6 OF S. O. WILLIAMS AS
COMMISSIONER THAT MINISTRY.

E. J. T. F. IYALLA FROM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO LEAVE PENDING
REASSIGNMENT (REF. A).

F. MALAM MUHAMMED AMINU SANUSI APPOINTED TO REPLACE IYALLA.
ACCORDING TO FIRST REPORTS (REF. A) THIS WAS ACTING APPOINTMENT,
BUT ACCOUNTS IN DAILY TIMES AND NEW NIGERIAN OF AUGUST 9 SAY
"ASSIGNED...TO TAKE OVER FROM..." WITH NOTHING ABOUT
APPOINTMENT BEING ACTING.

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G. MALAM M. T. USMAN, FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL PUBLIC

WORKS, APPOINTED PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WORKS,
REPLACING UDEBIUWA.

H. G. E. NWANZE, FORMERLY SECRETARY, UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDU-
CATION (UPE), APPOINTED PERMANENT SECRETARY (SPECIAL DUTIES)
FOR BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL (FESTAC).

2. COMMENT: REMOVAL IYALLA, APPOINTMENT SANUSI REPORTED
YESTERDAY REF. A. SACK OF ASIODU HAD ALSO BEEN EXPECTED (REF. B),
AS HE WAS WIDELY BLAMED FOR CHAOS NATION'S INTERNAL PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTION (REF. C AND PREVIOUS). NEW JOB AT HUD&E
SHOULD RETIRE ASIODU AS POLICY-MAKER WITH INTERNATIONAL IMPACT.

3. AWONIYI MOVING INTO POSITIONS OF GREATER AND GREATER RE-
SPONSIBILITY, FROM INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO DEFENSE TO PETROLEUM IN
A LITTLE OVER A MONTH (REF C).

4. CURIOUS WHY PROGRAM OF GREAT LONG-TERM IMPORTANCE--UPE--
SHOULD BE STRIPPED OF SECRETARY NWANZE SO THAT FESTAC CAN
HAVE ANOTHER ADMINISTRATOR. APPOINTMENT OF TWO TOP FESTAC
OFFICIALS WITHIN THREE DAYS SUGGESTS THAT RUMORS OF FESTAC'S
CANCELLATION MAY BE PREMATURE. END COMMENT.
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